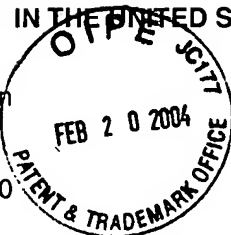


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- ☒ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
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16 pages of specification and claims (including 29 numbered claims), and

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Nelson Irrigation Corporation

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